1	2	3	4	5
16.	Manipur	7	4	4
17.	Meghalaya	24	22	51
18.	Mizoram	9	0	0
19.	Nagaland	0	1	0
20.	Orissa	55	31	28
21.	Punjab	54	54	51
22.	Rajasthan	49	137	246
23.	Sikkim	8	1	14
24.	Tamil Nadu	47	166	115
25.	Tripura	0	28	20
26.	Uttar Pradesh	301	394	394
27.	Uttaranchal	11	17	18
28.	West Bengal	16	19	6
29.	A and N Islands	2	8	2
30.	Chandigarh	9	13	21
31.	D and N Haveli	0	0	0
32.	Daman and Diu	4	1	1
33.	Delhi	140	186	235
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	1	4	3
	TOTAL:	2949	3542	4026

Source: Crime in India

Commission for protection of child rights

1663. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has started functioning;

(b) whether guidelines for the welfare of children have been prepared by the Commission;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Commission has recently circulated guidelines to the State Government and Union Territory Administrations on "Corporal Punishment in Schools".

(c) The State Government and Union Territory administrations have been asked to ensure the following:

1. All children are to be informed through campaigns and publicity drives that they have a right to speak against corporal punishment and bring it to the notice of the authorities. They must be given confidence to make complaints and not accept punishment as a 'normal' activity of the school.

2. Every school, including hostels, JJ Homes, shelter homes and other public institutions meant for children must have a forum where children can express their views. Such institutions could take the help of an NGO for facilitating such an exercise.

3. Further a box where children can drop their complaints even if anonymous has to be provided for in each school.

4. There has to be a monthly meeting of PTAs or any other body such as the SEC/VEC to review the complaints and take action.

5. The PTAs are to be encouraged to act immediately on any complaints made by children without postponement of the issue and prevent a more grave injury being caused.

6. Parents as well as children are to be empowered to speak out against corporal punishment without any fear that it would have adverse effect on children's participation in schools.

7. The education department at all levels—block, district and State are to establish procedures for reviewing the responses to the complaints of children and monitoring the action taken on the same.

(d) Does not arise.

Welfare of widows

1664. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that according to 2001 census, over 34 million widows are leading their lives pathetically;

(b) if so, the reasons for which widows have to die; and

(c) whether Government propose to launch any special drive for the gradual emancipation of such unfortunate citizens?